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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 2163**

Docket No.: 1080.1067

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In re the Application of:

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Attention: **BOX AF**

Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action mailed November 30, 2000, and having a period for response set to expire on February 28, 2001. Therefore, this Amendment is timely filed by February 28, 2001.

If any further fees are required in connection with the filing of this Amendment, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please **REPLACE** the pending claims 1-8.